



News and Information on the State's border-to-border Arizona Trail project

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You're Invited to Attend Our Annual Meeting!

Members and their guests, agency partners, advisory board members, our sponsors, and anyone interested in knowing more about the Arizona Trail are invited to our 11th Anniversary Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 5, 2005.

The meeting will be held at the Phoenix Zoo's "Stone Pavilion" room just inside the entrance to the Zoo. Members and guests at the Annual Meeting will be provided a free visitor's pass to tour the Zoo's outstanding exhibits following the ATA meeting.

The Members' Meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. Our members will hear a progress report on the Arizona Trail,

vote on the nominations for Board of Directors members, and hear a presentation on the 2005-2010 ATA Strategic Plan.

The Annual Awards Recognition Luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. and conclude at 1:45 p.m. Several guest speakers will give inspiring presentations during the luncheon and some of ATA's most deserving volunteers and sponsors will be recognized for their significant contributions to the organization in 2004.

For details about the upcoming Annual Meeting, please see the invitation and map to the Phoenix Zoo on page 4 and 5.

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Wil Passow Tribute Ceremony

Many of those who helped establish the vision and mission of the Arizona Trail will remember one of Arizona's most accomplished volunteers and a Charter Member of the Arizona Trail Association, Wil Passow.

On October 30, 2004 many Y-Trekkers, friends, associates, ATA members, and representatives of the Forest Service gathered to unveil a tribute plaque and natural outdoor plaza area designed by several architects with the Tonto National Forest. More than 70 people were there to help celebrate the special occasion.

Wil helped launch the volunteer efforts of ATA at the beginning of the organization, and he served as a Segment Steward in the areas

north and south of Picketpost Mountain near Superior. He was a leader in an outstanding trails organization, the Y-Trekkers, a large hiking group. Wil and his group of volunteers led the work events and established a model for other Arizona Trail Segment Stewards in the youngest days of the AZT project.

Wil passed away in 1999, leaving a legacy of

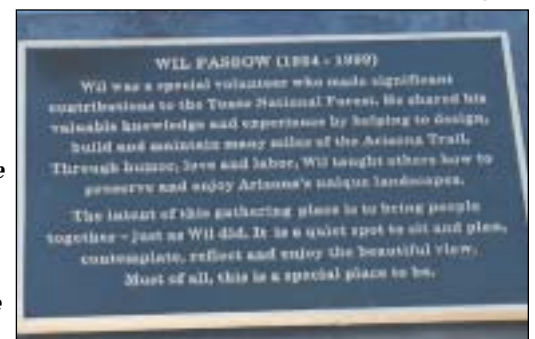


inspiring volunteerism with the community and a sparkling career as a professional at Motorola. Many ATA members and agency partners in the Tonto National Forest's Globe

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ATA Board Member Phyllis Ralley played her Native American flutes under the shade of the Palo Verde tree planted as part of the tribute.

A close up of the plaque (right)





At The Helm

The Arizona Trail Our Vision...

a continuous, non-motorized trail traversing the state nearly 790 miles from Mexico to Utah, linking deserts, mountains, canyons, communities, and people.

The **Arizona Trail Association** coordinates the planning, development, management and promotion of the Arizona Trail for recreational and educational experiences for non-motorized trail users.

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ATA welcomes articles and photos from trail users and volunteers. Please mail to ATA or e-mail: editor@aztrail.org

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Message from our Executive Director



Larry Snead

I am very pleased to report that we will start 2005 with less than 100 miles of new trail yet to construct in order to have the full 800 miles of the Arizona Trail complete. It is actually 94 miles to go.

The sections that remain are as follows:

10 miles north from Oak Tree Canyon to Lakes Road
25 miles across Rincon Valley. This project is under way and is called the Cienega Corridor Project with a two-year completion objective.

10 miles in Saguaro National Park

5 miles left in the 50 miles from Oracle to the Gila River

15 miles between the Gila River and the Tonto National Forest

7 miles to complete the trail around Mormon Lake

15 miles of new trail on the San Francisco Peaks

7 miles on the South Rim of the Grand Canyon National Park

A tremendous cooperative effort between ATA volunteers and land managers now exist and they are focusing on completing the Arizona Trail. I would estimate that these remaining miles will be completed in the following time frame.

24 miles in 2005	10 miles in 2008
24 miles in 2006	9 miles in 2009
27 miles in 2007	

Σ You can help make this happen with your support as a member, as a financial supporter and as a volunteer trail worker.

Thank you for helping make the dream and vision of the Arizona Trail founder, Dale Shewalter, really happen.

Hope to see you on the trail.

Larry Snead

Welcome New Segment Stewards

Zay Hartigan	Passage 2
Robert Best	Passage 4
Bob Pekarske	Passage 9
Wendy Erica Werden (Tucson Saddle Club)	Passage 10
Jim Austin (San Pedro Valley Hiking Club)	Passage 13
Jody Latimer (Arizona State Land Department Hikers)	Passage 14b
Fred Gaudet	Passage 17a
Ovid Bond (Superstition Horsemen)	Passage 18a
Spike Hicks (Backcountry Horsemen of Arizona)	Passage 24
Rick Heffernon (Arrowhead Wildlife Society)	Passage 26
Brad and Karen Buckhout	Passage 27a
Neil Hornbeck (Boy Scout Camp Geronimo)	Passage 27b
Kate Tegeler (Girl Scout Camp Shadow Rim)	Passage 27c
Chuck Horner (Co-Segment Steward)	Passage 28a
Lou Hoover	Passage 28b
Tim Agan (Co-Segment Steward)	Passage 29c
Bob Rink (Co-Segment Steward)	Passage 29c
Linda and Tom Coulson	Passage 29d
Conrad Langley	Passage 30b
(Arizona Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects)	
Jim Stoeckmann	Passage 37

Pinnacle West Executive, Marty Shultz, Heads ATA Finance Campaign

ATA's Premier 21st Century Partner, Arizona Public Service Company and parent company Pinnacle West Capital Corporation, have embraced the Arizona Trail project for more than three years, providing significant funding support to our organization.

The project has captured the heart of one of the most prominent leaders in our state, Martin L. Shultz, Vice President of Government Affairs for Pinnacle West, and a recognized "make it happen" individual with everyone who knows or has had the pleasure of working with him. He has volunteered to spearhead ATA's efforts to raise \$1.5 million dollars to help provide the financial stability needed to complete and sustain the Arizona Trail for the future.

Marty recently invited a powerful group of corporate executives to a special luncheon at the APS Boardroom and challenged them to become partners in the campaign to complete the Arizona Trail and help support the efforts to preserve it into perpetuity. His challenge efforts at that luncheon were compelling, and all who attended made a commitment to add their leadership and support to the Arizona Trail project.

With this type of leadership and corporate support, the financial future of the Arizona Trail Association has strengthened and the vision of our founder, Dale Shewalter, has been elevated to even higher statewide and national recognition.

Resolution Copper Joins ATA as a Premier Partner

A leading and environmentally conscious international copper company has become ATA's most recent significant Premier Partner through a 5-year grant to help fund the construction and project management of the Arizona Trail through some of the route's most difficult topography beginning at the Gila River and ending near the town of Superior.

Construction in this very challenging area of our state, including the infamous escarpment known as "The Spine" will be among the most expensive 25 miles to construct in the route of the Arizona Trail. Resolution Copper Company is exploring the possibility of developing an underground

mine near Superior and the company's leadership has made the financial commitment to help support the construction of the Arizona Trail in this region. The entire project is expected to require \$527,900.00 over a 5-year schedule, and Resolution Copper will be supporting this effort with a \$20,000 grant each year, or a total of \$100,000 through project completion.

The preliminary work on trail planning, known as the "Copper Butte Project," has just begun. ATA's partner agencies and a cadre of volunteers who have been exploring potential Arizona Trail locations over the past year are identifying a proposed route. The rugged, steep mountainous area is challenging and very difficult to travel. Building a trail in this area will take tremendous dedication and challenging trail construction work for everyone involved.

Resolution Copper joins other agencies and organizations that are contributing professional consultants, environmental reviews, and a host of other needed services and equipment to bring this exciting project to completion. When this section of the Arizona Trail is finished, along with the other sections planned and under construction in Pinal, Pima, and Coconino Counties, the trail corridor will hopefully be continuously linked between Mexico and the South Rim of the Grand Canyon...quite an impressive accomplishment!



Cindy Peck, second from left, with the Tonto National Forest Globe Ranger District, describes the Arizona Trail route on a map to Jennifer Russo, the Corporate Communications Director at Resolution Copper Company, second from right. A group of 7 riders took an exploratory horseback ride on the AZT near the Town of Superior on December 20, 2004. Looking on are Jan Hancock, far left, ATA president, and Carl Taylor, Group Manager for Recreation at the Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office in Phoenix. Horses for some of the riders were provided by Ron and Jane Feldman from the OK Corral, located in Apache Junction.



You're Invited!

Arizona Trail Association 11th Annual Meeting & Recognition Luncheon Saturday, February 5, 2005

The Phoenix Zoo – Stone House Pavilion
455 North Galvin Parkway in Phoenix – Luncheon \$15.00 per person

Driving Directions: From any of the freeways or streets, The Phoenix Zoo is located between McDowell and Van Buren Streets in the heart of Papago Park. The entrance to the Zoo is off Galvin Parkway, which is east of 44th St. and west of Scottsdale/Rural Rd. See map on page 5!

Special Invitation: The Zoo's award-winning Arizona Trail Exhibit will be open to our ATA members and their guests from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Special all day passes to the Phoenix Zoo will be available at the ATA table at the Zoo's entrance gates when you arrive. Telephone at Zoo: (602) 273-1341

Luncheon Program Will Feature:

Gary Werner - Partnership for National Scenic & Historic Trails, Madison, Wisconsin
and Brian Poturalski, USDA Forest Service, Flagstaff
"Doing the Trail in 40 Days: A Multi-Modal Adventure"

Annual Members Meeting

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Social Gathering - 11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon Program - 12 noon – 1:45 p.m.

Members and any interested individuals are invited to the meetings and luncheon.

Members may cast one vote per membership in the Board elections.

For Reservations

Please Phone: (602) 252-4794 - Fax: (602) 252-5265 or E-mail: ata@aztrail.org
Reservations and checks must be received on or before Thursday, January 27, 2005.

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LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

(please print)

Name of person(s) attending:

Your name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Daytime _____ Evening _____

Total _____ lunch reservations @\$15/per person - Total enclosed \$ _____

Please make check payable to Arizona Trail Association and mail to:
Arizona Trail Association, P.O. Box 36736, Phoenix, AZ 85067
Mail reservations and check to arrive by Thursday, January 27, 2005.

YOU MAY ALSO MAKE RESERVATIONS AND PAY FOR THE LUNCHEON ONLINE AT: www.aztrail.org

Events Around the State



Looking for a Trail Challenge?

Experienced backpackers needed! If you have a desire to really rough it in some of Arizona's most incredible backcountry, you'll want to sign up for a compelling trip into the Mazatzal Wilderness March 18-25, 2005.

A group of experienced mule packers, Segment Stewards, and trail crew leaders will be taking a long weekend, from Friday through Tuesday, to tackle the restoration of the section of the Arizona Trail that was devastated by the 2004 Willow Fire. Volunteers who would like to help with this effort can sign up for 3 to 5 days to assist in replacing burned trail signs, removing downed trees, and restoring some of the most damaged areas of the trail tread.

Segment Steward for the this area of the Mazatzal's, Tony Viviano, will be joined by Segment Stewards Denny and Marie Haywood and members of the Arizona Mule and Donkey Association to spearhead the restoration work event. Equipment and supplies will be transported on pack mules to the work area, and backpackers will need to bring all of their own backpacking gear and food into this remote area.

If this all sounds like a fun challenge to you, go to our Calendar of Upcoming Events listed on page 10, or visit the ATA website at www.aztrail.org and get yourself signed up for a long weekend escape to some of Arizona's wildest lands!

REI Offers Presentation on the Arizona Trail

HIKING THE ARIZONA TRAIL

Tues, January 18th, 7pm: REI Paradise Valley

Wed, January 19th, 7pm: REI Tempe

Ever thought about hiking nearly 800 miles across some of the most diverse terrain and breathtaking scenery in the United States? The Arizona Trail offers a unique view of Arizona as it meanders up, down, and across our great state from Mexico to the Utah border. Get the latest information about the Arizona Trail, the route, its condition, water sources, and many other useful tips if you are considering setting foot on any of the AZT's 43 segments. Bring your notebook and questions as hikers Dave Hicks and Fred Gaudet share experiences and information about the Arizona Trail. Horse riders and mountain bike riders will find these sessions informative too.

Carla Olson

REI Outreach Specialist | Arizona
(602) 996 - 5400 Paradise Valley
(480) 967 - 5494 Tempe

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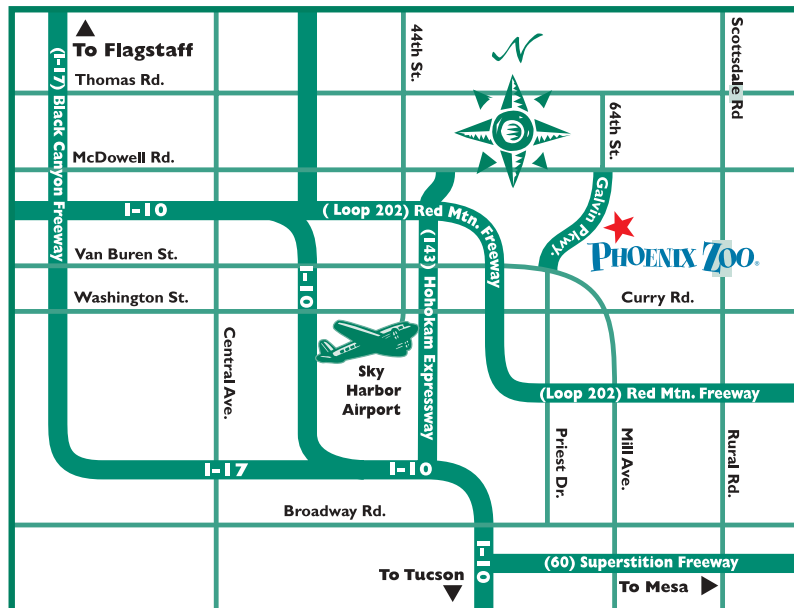
Ranger District remember his dedicated work on the Arizona Trail. His wife, Phyllis, attended the dedication and shared some of her fondest memories of Wil and his love of the outdoors and the Arizona Trail with the people in attendance. Everyone wore red bandanas in Wil's honor, which he always wore on trail outings.

Phyllis Passow addresses a crowd of over 70 people gathered to remember Wil.

Map to the Annual Meeting February 5, 2004

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Telephone at Zoo: (602) 273-1341





Reports From the Field

6_Las Cienegas

Enthusiasm for the Cienega Corridor Construction Project continues to run unabated. Organizers have capped attendance at 50 to keep things manageable and events are filling with volunteers two to three weeks ahead of time. Event sponsors are committed through February, with only three unsponsored dates available this spring.

Financial contributions have been coming in at a higher-than-projected level, too, which is helping cover the increased lunches and T-shirts. Corporate donors include AOL, Tucson Electric Power and HDR Architecture and Engineering. Peter Backus of Coyote Creek Properties also contributed to the project. Organizations that have given at least \$500 include the Pima Trails Association, Saguaro Horsemen and Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists.

At this writing, the trail is complete from the start at Rincon Creek in the north to Colossal Cave Park. Construction inside the park, where there are some steep topography issues, is projected for completion by the end of January. In the meantime, volunteers are continuing to build trail south of the park, so by the time the park section is completed there should be close to 10 miles of new contiguous trail.



With the scenic Rincon Mountains in the background, volunteers enjoy lunch after building a mile of trail on Tucson Electric Power Day, Nov. 13.

The Cienega Corridor Construction Project is one of the last unfinished links of the trail, connecting Saguaro National Park in the Rincon Mountains to the existing trail at Oak Tree Canyon in the Santa Rita Mountains.

It is being broken into two phases. The first phase is a 25-mile stretch from Saguaro National Park to the Lakes Road in the Santa Rita Mountains. The second phase, around 10 miles to tie the Lakes Road to Oak Tree Canyon, is in the route selection process.

Pinal County



Laddie Cox (left) has given leadership to installing 11 gates on the Arizona Trail, 10 of which were in Pinal County. He served as the gate crew foreman and organized the event and purchased all the necessary supplies, hauled the supplies to the gate installation location and stored the gate supplies in his backyard in Tucson. His gate crew varied each time but included Dave Babcock, Carl Babcock, John Rendall, Merle Parmer, Chuck Horner, Dave Hicks, Terry Horne, Matt Salmon, Mark Flint, and others.

2_Canelo East

The first workday on the Canelo East segment since Steward Zay Hartigan signed on was a success. 5 people showed up, including Robert Best, steward for the Temporal Gulch segment, and Bernie Stalman, who has worked trails for the National Park system. All were experienced trail maintainers, and we rehabbed 1.5 miles on the South end of the trail. Two work events are scheduled for the winter: Sat. Feb. 12 and Sat. and Sun. March 5-6.

Zay has added a page to his website, devoted to this segment. Lots of good information for anyone planning to hike this segment.

URL is :<http://www.zaycom.com/AZT.htm>

* note : the letters AZT must be capitalized *

40_Kaibab Plateau South



George Hay, back rider and Segment Steward for the AZT, on the Kaibab National Forest North of the Grand Canyon National Park, took a 2-day break and rode in the Grand Canyon with some AZT volunteers. Shown in front is Lynn Marin.

Reports From the Field



REI Service Project at Sunflower November 6 & 7

Photos by Michael Baker, VOAz

22_Saddle Mountain



Sandra works with Carlos Quihuis, leader of Apache Search and Rescue, to battle a stubborn stump.



Brianna, Kathleen and Marisa show the muscles they built working on the Arizona Trail.



Conrad, Laura, Melissa, Jess and Nancy with others on the new section of Arizona Trail.

Looking back, the logistics involved in the REI Service Projects and the amount accomplished is always amazing! And this year's project near Sunflower was no exception! A caravan of Jeeps and SUVs, provided by work volunteers and members of the Rim Country 4 Wheelers club, carried nearly 100 volunteers over 4 miles of rough, steep road to the worksite. One road section was so steep that two REI staff were stationed all day to safely direct traffic across a hilltop where drivers were blind to oncoming traffic. And it all came together smoothly because of the many hours of preparation by the organizing team led by Volunteers for Outdoor Arizona (VOAz), REI, and ATA.

This year's target was completion of trail across three large side drainages of Boulder Creek, which presented a major barrier in moving the Arizona Trail completely off of road through Sunflower. This section offered several serious construction challenges because of the rocky terrain and steepness. Walking the completed three drainage crossings, and seeing the technical quality of the work was breathtaking! This project is yet another example of what can be accomplished when well-trained crew leaders are combined with motivated volunteers.

But not all was work. REI provided the traditional spaghetti dinner Saturday evening as we gathered around a roaring campfire. The food was plentiful and great! A special treat was provided by a 4-piece bluegrass band known as BlueAZ Express. Their harmonies were a delightful conclusion to a great project, and we greatly appreciate their contribution. But more, REI held a raffle drawing for many exceptional prizes, including backpacks, tents, and gift certificates to area recreation attractions.

There are so many people to thank for a simply wonderful project! Special thanks to Michael Baker, Ken Ryan, and Aminda Moore of VoAZ, Carla Olson of REI, and Larry Snead of ATA for carrying the weight of organizing the project. We especially thank a long list of REI and VoAZ staff for all the behind the scenes work. Scotty McBride, Tonto National Forest, provided camp support and paved the way through the approval process. We ever so greatly appreciate the crew leaders, who provided the skill, knowledge, and leadership to make the trail possible. And finally, we wish to thank all the volunteers whose efforts continue to make the concept of the Arizona Trail become reality.

Carl Golnik, and Denny and Marie Haywood



Reports From the Field

26_Hardscrabble Mesa



Pictured from left to right are four of the six Arrowhead Wildlife Society volunteers who turned out to clean up the Hardscrabble Mesa segment on Dec. 4th: Ted Stratton, Bev Malmberg, Rick Heffernon, and John Peel, along with Arizona Trail dog, Rascal. Not pictured: Jodi Lorenz and Jim Heskett.

On a chilly December 4th morning, with the scent of a major winter storm in the air, six members of the Arrowhead Wildlife Society cleared brush and removed deadfall along nearly three miles of the Hardscrabble Mesa segment of Arizona Trail. Working close to the trailhead on Highway 87 south of Pine were Jodi Lorenz and Jim Heskett, who moved large Ponderosa pines lying across the trail. Meanwhile, the four other volunteers—Ted Stratton, Bev Malmberg, Rick Heffernon, and John Peel—loaded up loppers, mattock, and hand saw and hiked toward Oak Spring as a starting point, then worked their way back toward Highway 87 clearing all the thorny-scratchy stuff that had tried to grab their legs on the way in, including catclaw, scrub oak, manzanita, and prickly pear cactus. On the way, they also took time to remove several small-diameter deadfall pine trees from the trail, build two new water bars, and repair old water bars and rock cairns. Lucky for them, the impending 3-day snowstorm held off until they were returning to their vehicle to celebrate a good day's work.

Rick Heffernon, Trail Steward Arrowhead Wildlife Society
Pine, AZ

Verde Valley Cyclist Coalition and ATA Receive Toolkits



The Verde Valley Cyclist Coalition and the Arizona Trail Association were selected to receive two of the 100 Outdoor Stewardship Toolkits REI/IMBA presented nationwide. Each toolkit contains eight components to enhance on-the-trail volunteer efforts, including:

- * 1 McLeod trailbuilding tool
- * 1 Pulaski trailbuilding tool
- * 1 Brunton clinometer surveying instrument
- * 1 IMBA "Trail Solutions" Book
- * 10 pairs of REI/IMBA trailwork gloves
- * 10 REI/IMBA trailhead education signs
- * 12 REI stewardship volunteer t-shirts
- * 300 REI/IMBA Responsible Riding flyer

Daniel Paduchowski, Verde Valley Cyclist Coalition (left), Carrie Corsi, REI PV Store Assistant Manager (center) and Larry Snead, Arizona Trail Association Executive Director(right) at a recent award presentation ceremony at the REI Paradise Valley Store in Phoenix.

Welcome New Board Members continued from page 9

Jim Stoeckmann

Jim Stoeckmann is Director of Human Resources for Medtronic, Microelectronics Center in Tempe. He has lived, worked and hiked in Arizona for more than 30 years. His work experience includes human resource management, training and consulting with several leading high technology companies including Boeing, Motorola, ON Semiconductor and Medtronic. He received a B.S. in Business Administration (1984) and a Masters in Industrial Management (1992) from Arizona State University and was recently recognized by ASU's W. P. Carey School of



Business with the Dean's Award for Innovation in Executive Education and Leadership Development. In his spare time, Jim enjoys hiking and serves as a part-time Wilderness Guide for DiscoveryTreks.com. In 2003, Jim put his experience together to plan and complete a hike across Arizona—from the Mexican Border, near the Coronado National Monument, to the Utah border, north of Jacob's Lake. Jim completed this 800 mile solo journey along the nascent Arizona Trail in just a little over 60 days. Jim's wife of 23 years is an Arizona native and they reside with their three teenagers, 2 sons and a daughter, in Mesa, Arizona.

Welcome New Board Members



Lisa Atkins

Lisa Atkins is currently serving as the Vice President for Public Policy for Greater Phoenix Leadership (GPL), an executive forum through which leaders of business and industry in the region effectively and efficiently collaborate with the public sector and non-profit organizations to establish and sustain a safe, healthy and prosperous Valley of the Sun region. As an Arizona native, Lisa combines a well-rounded understanding of the State with more than 25 years of work in the federal legislative and policy arena, having worked closely with the State and local governments and a wide variety of associations and citizen groups while serving for more than twenty years as Chief of Staff to former Congressman Bob Stump (R-AZ). After her tenure on Capitol Hill, Lisa served as Executive Director of the County Supervisors Association of Arizona (CSA), an association of the 55 elected Supervisors who sit on Arizona's 15 County Boards of Supervisors. Lisa is a graduate of the University of Arizona. She and her husband, John, reside in Litchfield Park, Arizona. They have two grown children, Brandon and Caroline.

John Roberts

John has 22 years of semiconductor and hi-tech industry experience that includes various engineering and management positions in a number of technical and Sales and Marketing organizations. John has personally supervised the creation of several technical organizations in a number of different companies. His most recent job was as Strategic Director responsible for setting the technical direction and market position for a \$1B+ multi-national semiconductor service company. John is currently the ATA Membership Chairman and owner of a travel business. An Arizona resident for 10 years, John is an avid traveler, hiker and backpacker who is currently section hiking the Arizona Trail.

Robert Shuler

Robert Shuler has 29 years of valuable governmental, legal and business experience in Arizona and California. Current clients include Health Net of Arizona, a health insurance provider, as well as Western Growers Association, the trade association representing the fresh fruit and vegetable industry in Arizona and California. Additional clients are Larrea BioSciences Corp, Arizona Crop Protection Association, Western Plant Health Association, and CropLife America.

Before joining FourSquare, Shuler was senior vice president of public affairs for the Arizona Chamber of Commerce. Prior to the Chamber, he served as senior vice president and general counsel for Sunsweet Growers, Inc. in Yuba City, California. From 1994 to 1998 he was a partner at Tuttle & Taylor in Sacramento where he advised business clients in government affairs for California, Arizona and other states. He served as chief deputy director of the California Department of Food and Agriculture from 1991 to 1994.

In the 1980's, Shuler had a private law practice before his government service where he counseled business and trade association clients in governmental law and labor negotiations, grievances and arbitrations. From 1977 to

1983, he managed government, labor and legal relations for Bruce Church, Inc., an international grower and shipper of fresh fruits and vegetables in California.

Shuler has a Juris Doctor degree from University of Arizona and a Bachelor of Arts degree in agricultural economics from Arizona State University. He is a member of the bar in Arizona and California and lives in Scottsdale with his wife Karyn. They have three grown children.

Marty Shultz

Martin L. Shultz is Vice President of Government Affairs for Pinnacle West Capital Corporation. In that role he manages public affairs and government relations for APS, Pinnacle West Capital Corporation, APS Energy Services, Pinnacle West Energy Corporation and SunCor. APS, APS Energy Services, Pinnacle West Energy Corporation and SunCor are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Pinnacle West Capital Corporation headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. Shultz has had extensive experience in corporate public affairs and public relations, negotiations of complex issues, business policy development, government affairs and public administration plus a wide range of civic, community and political activities. Prior to joining Pinnacle West Capital Corporation and APS, he served as Chief of Staff to three Phoenix mayors; John Driggs, Tim Barrow, and Margaret Hance. Previous to those associations, he was appointed a financial systems consultant to the Arizona Legislature and was Director of Education for Osborn School District in Phoenix.

A graduate of Arizona State University with a Master's degree in Educational Administration, he has done post graduate work at UCLA, ASU and JFK School of Public Administration and Politics at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.



Russell D. Smoldon

Manager, State and Local Government Relations for the Salt River Project (SRP) in Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah.

Mr. Smoldon has previously worked as a Public Affairs Representative for Idaho, Montana and Washington for the Washington Water Power Company, and as a Legislative Assistant to Congressman Thomas S. Foley.

Mr. Smoldon has also worked with and sits on the board of many professional organizations including the Arizona Tax Research Association, past chairman, the Western Legislative Conference Planning Committee, past chairman, the Greater Phoenix Urban League, past chairman, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), national private sector chairman, and the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL), the Advisory Council on Energy (ACE) and the National Tax Partnership.

Mr. Smoldon holds Bachelor's degrees in Political Science and History from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, and has pursued post-graduate studies in Business and Political Theory at Gonzaga University School of Law and Eastern Washington University.

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Calendar of Events and Activities

JANUARY, 2005

Saturday, January 8, 2005

Cienega Corridor Construction work event. For more information go to <http://www.aztrail-build.org> or call 520-884-3760.

Saturday Jan 15, 2005 - Canelo West Passage

A one day project, near the east end Trailhead. This will be our first rehab project on the east end of the Canelo West Passage in more than a year; and if we get a good turnout, we may be able to complete the Trail rehab all way into Meadow Valley with this project. We will hike in about 1 1/2 mile, to where our October 2003 Project left off, and continue the brushing, and tread work.

Volunteers should bring a day pack with lunch, water (at least 4 liters), snacks, sun screen, a wide brimmed hat, work gloves, and shoes/boots & clothing appropriate for the weather (long pants and sleeves are best). I will have a special treat for dessert. Please E-mail Richard Corbett at: kc7ovm@dakotacom.net or call me at 520-623-0017 (E-mail is best) for time & place to meet. Only if coming!

Sunday, January 23, 2005

Tucson Saddle Club Day. Cienega Corridor Construction work event. For more information go to <http://www.aztrail-build.org> or call 520-884-3760.

Jan 29-30. Boulders Segment

New trail construction located on State Trust Land in Pinal County southeast of Florence. Join us as we knock out our last two miles of trail on this fun segment in a remote, but easily accessible location. Dinner will be provided Saturday night at a camp location near the trail. Volunteers should bring a day pack with lunch, water, snacks, sun screen, work gloves, and shoes/boots & clothing appropriate for the weather (long pants and sleeves are best). Contact Segment Steward Anna Pfender at mtbbabe@cox.net or 480-893-6610 for details and directions.

January 30th, 2005: Ripsey Segment

Trail Construction, South of Superior (near Town of Kearney) Trail Construction along a beautiful section of Sonoran Desert. Camping opportunities (primitive) available for Saturday night or meet at the trailhead at 8 am on Sunday. Bring gloves, boots, sunscreen, water and lunch. Tools are provided and no prior trail maintenance/building experience is necessary. Contact Mike Luecker at 602.438.2221 (work) or mluecker@j2design.us Please R.S.V.P - Additional directions and info will be provided.

FEBRUARY, 2005

Saturday, February 5, 2005, Wells Fargo Bank Day.

Cienega Corridor Construction work event. For more information go to <http://www.aztrail-build.org> or call 520-884-3760.

Sat. Feb. 12 - Canelo East

Hiking in 2.5 miles to where we left off last time, this will be a one day trail rehab project on the South End of the segment. Meeting at the Parker Lake trailhead at 7:30 am. Bring your own food and water, tools will be provided. See www.aztrail.org

Saturday-Sunday Feb 26-27

(option for single day Saturday) - Temporal Gulch - a light maintenance project, to finish the work begun on the Dec 4th project, and continue work up the trail above the flume head (in the Bear Spring vicinity). We will backpack into the area where we need to work (about 3 miles), set up camp there (near a water source), and then work up from there. Volunteers should bring either a day pack with lunch, water (at least 4 liters), snacks, sun screen, a wide brimmed hat, work gloves, and shoes/boots & clothing appropriate for the weather (long pants and sleeves are best), or a backpack and the gear for overnighing. I will have a special treat for Saturday desserts. Please E-mail Robert Best at: rbest@cox.net or call me at 520-459-3655 (E-mail is best) for time & place to meet. RSVP only if coming, please!

Feb 26-27, Boulders Segment.

New trail construction located on State Trust Land in Pinal County southeast of Florence. Join us as we knock out our last two miles of trail on this fun segment in a remote, but easily accessible location. Dinner will be provided Saturday night at a camp location near the trail. Volunteers should bring a day pack with lunch, water, snacks, sun screen, work gloves, and shoes/boots & clothing appropriate for the weather (long pants and sleeves are best). Contact Segment Steward Anna Pfender at mtbbabe@cox.net or 480-893-6610 for details and directions.

Sunday, February 27, 2005,

Cienega Corridor Construction work event. For more information go to <http://www.aztrail-build.org> or call 520-884-3760.

MARCH

Sat. and Sun. March 5-6 -Canelo East

Overnight trip, one day helpers welcome for just Saturday. We'll be packing tools, water, and dinner for everyone horseback, to lighten the load hiking in. We'll be camping in a high saddle on the spine of the Canelo hills, just 400 feet below (and .5 mile away from) the second highest peak in the range. 2.25 mile hike in. Rehab work, tread and brushing. See www.aztrail.org for info.

Saturday, March 12, 2005,

Cienega Corridor Construction work event. For more information go to <http://www.aztrail-build.org> or call 520-884-3760.

Mar 18-22 (fri-tues)

Mazatzal wilderness trail work event, Segment #23 Mazatzal Divide. Experienced backpacker volunteers only. The group will be working in the Mazatzal Wilderness devastated by the 2004 Willows fire. Work would be removing down tress, chared brush,tread and switchback repair,sign/post installment, and repairing of Chilson and Hopi Spring areas. Denny and Marie will provide pack mules. Workers can volunteer for 3 to 5 days. We will meet on Friday at Wendys (Shea Blvd./Beeline Hwy) at 7a.m. Drive to Barnhardt Trail #43 via Hwy 87 and Forest Service Road 410 (100 mile rt.). We will backpack to Chilson Spring via Trail #43 (elev. 4200 ft. to 6000 ft., 7 miles one way) to setup base camp, repair spring and surrounding area. Saturday (3/19) through Monday (3/2) we will work on Trail #23 from Chilson Spring to Hopi and up to Wet Bottom Creek areas. Group will dayhike each day returning to basecamp. NOTE-- Sunday (3/20) Denny and Marie and pack mules will break camp and return to Phoenix. Volunteers who so desire can return to Phoenix and pack out with them. I will pack out Tues. 3/22 for Phoenix. BACKPACKERS need to pack food for 3/5 days and 2 extra meals, have gloves, First Aid kit, water purification, and normal backpacking gear along with a daypack. Leaders: Segment Stewards Tony Viviano with Denny & Marie Haywood. Contact Tony Viviano at 623 398 8329, tonyaces@cox

Mar 19-20, Boulders Segment.

New trail construction located on State Trust Land in Pinal County southeast of Florence. Join us as we knock out our last two miles of trail on this fun segment in a remote, but easily accessible location. Dinner will be provided Saturday night at a camp location near the trail. Volunteers should bring a day pack with lunch, water, snacks, sun screen, work gloves, and shoes/boots & clothing appropriate for the weather (long pants and sleeves are best). Contact Segment Steward Anna Pfender at mtbbabe@cox.net or 480-893-6610 for details and directions.

Sunday Mar 20-Saturday Mar 26 - Temporal Gulch Passage

A week-long American Hiking Society Project to construct new single track (approx. 3/4 mile), replacing crummy 4-WD road. Camping in the pines, with plenty of fellowship. Please E-mail me at: rbest@cox.net or call Robert Best at 520-459-3655 (E-mail is best) for options as to how you might participate for one or two days (or the whole week).

Sunday, March 27, 2005,

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Who To Contact in the ATA

Here's a helpful list of who to contact for some of the ATA's resources. If you have suggestions or want to provide any helpful information to these individuals, they would like to hear from you. We are not publishing home telephone numbers, only e-mail addresses. If you do not have access to e-mail, please call our ATA telephone number, 602-252-4794, and leave a message. Remember, most of these fine folks are ATA volunteers, so give them some time to respond to your requests!

Helen Hill - Segment Steward database & communications - deserthill@worldnet.att.net

Larry Snead - ATA Tool Trailer, Segment Steward information - sneadlarry@qwest.net

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Dave Hicks - Trail Development hicksdp@msn.com

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